



WPUM Producer and Director Michele Eberle videotapes Sara Burman and Brian Corrigan, anchor persons, for their upcoming news show to be shown on Channel 6.

Homecoming weekend promises fun for all

by Ellen Herendeen

Homecoming weekend starts on Friday, Sept. 23. Kurt Krouse, vice-president of the Student Association, reported that just about everyone involved was cooperative and willing to help.

Activities start Friday evening at 8 p.m. with the annual bonfire pep rally. This will take place behind the Halleck Center in the Sparling parking lot. The band, poms, cheerleaders and flags will be there, as well as the football team. A new addition this year will be the announcement of the Homecoming King and Queen. All are invited to attend.

The annual parade starts Saturday morning at 9. Various school clubs, alumni, and the band will participate. The parade runs from downtown Rensselaer to the campus. Monetary prizes will be awarded for spirit and originality.

SUB will be sponsoring

different activities around campus. A few of these will be the Orbitron, Bounce n'Box and Human Bowling.

Kick off time for the football game is Saturday at 1 p.m. "I never predict the outcome of a game," Coach William Reagan commented, "but I can predict that the team will do its upmost to win." Hopes are high around campus, "It's going to be a good game...I hope the Pumas win," Krouse remarked. At half time, the marching band will perform and the Homecoming King and Queen will be introduced again. The nominees for Homecoming King are Brian Corrigan, Tom Hughes, Steve Maillet, Mark Pizur and Damon Scheidt. The nominees for Homecoming Queen are Tori Crockett, Candace McGroarty, Holly Rosencrantz, Gina Rotino and Colleen Taylor.

On Saturday evening a Homecoming dance will be in the Halleck Center Ballroom at 9 p.m. All are invited to attend.

STUFF to change name

Saint Joseph's College has had a student newspaper since 1894. The name has changed several times since then. The College paper has been the *Collegian*, *Diamond Dust*, *College Cheer* and most recently, STUFF.

The name STUFF appeared as SJC was developing into a senior college, offering four year degrees. The name STUFF, according to the first STUFF editorial by the first editor-in-chief, Robert Kaple, was chosen because the word stuff represented: "...stuff is raw material to be worked up into something else. Everything we do here in college is material to be worked up into something else. The raw material of our minds and souls is being turned to the making of a finished product."

However, a half of a century later, a lot has changed--women reside on campus; the Core program is nationally renowned. And the word stuff has a different connotation. A more appropriate meaning for the '90s, is "a frivolous mixture of matter,

a smattering of information, nothing but the superficial."

We, the 1994-1995 staff of STUFF, are asking the student body to help us re-name the newspaper. Maybe the student consensus will be to leave the name as is. Maybe the student body desires to be part of history.

The process for the selection of a new name will be as follows:

1. Students fill out the appropriate ballot and return it to the STUFF office in the Chapel Basement or in a ballot box by the Cafeteria by Sept. 30.
2. The Editorial Board of STUFF will list all the suggested names (providing the following rules are adhered to) in a future issue of STUFF.
3. Students will again vote from the list of student selected names.

4. The top five vote receivers will be submitted to Dr. Charles Kerlin, faculty supervisor. He will submit the names to Dr. Albert Shannon, publisher. Dr. Shannon will make a recommendation to the Board based on student vote.

The rules for the renaming of the paper are as follows:

1. Members of the Editorial Board and their families may not participate in the suggesting of names or the voting, except in the case of a tie.
2. Obscenities or otherwise other inappropriate suggestions, at the discretion of the Editorial Board, will be immediately discarded and disqualified.
3. Individuals can submit as many ideas/suggestions as they would like.
4. If the official ballot is unavailable, an appropriate imitation may be used.
5. Questions regarding the renaming may be directed to Jacquelyn Leonard, editor-in-chief. E-mail: Jacquelyn.Leonard@Students@SJC

Official Ballot

Suggested name for the paper: _____

Your name: _____

Dorm/Room # and phone ext. _____

Please fill out and return to the STUFF office or ballot box by Friday, Sept. 30. Thank you for being part of SJC history!

Students elect dorm representatives

by Julia Garcia

"It was my last year, and I wanted my opinions to be heard," is the main reason why Senior Mary Beth Brunner decided to run for senate of Justin Hall. The opportunity to represent their dorm in student government and have their voices heard throughout campus convinced many SJC students such as Brunner to run in recent dorm elections.

Most dorms had the opportunity to elect a governor, lieutenant governor and senators. The basic duties of these officials are to coordinate activities and to act on complaints from residents of their respective dorm.

In Bennett Hall, Brent Eastwood

was elected governor and Tom Matlon as lieutenant governor. The elected senators for Bennett Hall were Phil Avery and Jason Hunter.

In Gallagher Hall, Rob MacDonald is the new governor and Brian Strausburger was elected lieutenant governor. "There's a lot of things that need to be taken care of in the dorm," stated MacDonald. Mike Pruzin and Clayton Temple will be the two senators represented Gallagher Hall in the 1994-1995 school year.

In Halas Hall, Sondra

Greene was elected governor and Storme Morning as lieutenant governor. Morning states that one of her main focuses throughout the school year will be "dorm beautification and unification." Senators for Halas Hall are Lisa Curley and Valerie Pflum.

Tori Crockett will serve as governor for Justin Hall and Amy Skaggs as lieutenant governor. "I'm eager to get the ball rolling for Justin, and I think we can do a lot more with Justin than has been done in the past," stated Skaggs. The senators for Justin Hall are Mary Beth Brunner, Mary Kilmurry, Jacquelyn Leonard, continued on page 3

Justin Hall needs security

Residents of dorm may be in danger

I was violated.

It happened on the weekend before exams last year. I woke up early to study for my tests. I never thought that waking up at 8 a.m. on a Saturday morning would forever change the way I perceive strangers, the security of my campus/home and being alone.

I was the only one on Third West awake that early. I left my room to shower and I noticed a tall, strange man lurking in the hallway. Since seeing men in the dorm was not unusual, I did not think much about it. I did, however, sense something strange about this man so I locked my door before going into the bathroom.

I proceeded as normal through my shower routine. As I was rinsing the suds from my hair, I opened my eyes and looked forward. I was staring directly into a pair of eyes. I could see, directly in front of me and shaded by the white shower curtain, the brim of a black baseball cap to the bridge of a nose.

I was being watched.

At first, I was pissed. How dare someone think that he could watch me shower! How dare some pervert sneak into the PRIVACY of my bathroom and stare at my naked body! Who the hell did he think he was?

With my adrenaline flowing, I attempted to apprehend the Peeping Tom. I chased him through the bathroom; however, by the time I reached the doors to the hallway, he was gone.

I immediately reported this incident to campus security and the local police department. Then, I became scared. Terrified, actually.

Prior to this incident, I was safe. Justin was safe. SJC was safe. No one could hurt me. The violence was only news footage from major, crime-ridden cities. It would never happen to me in Rensselaer.

Since my Peeping Tom incident, I have been afraid. I jump at noises in the night. I am scared to leave my dorm room

to get a drink of water in the middle of the night. I am afraid it will happen again.

It did happen again. A Peeping Tom struck again just two weekends ago. This time, the violation occurred at four o'clock in the afternoon. Again, he was caught watching before anything else(!?!) could happen to his victim. Again, security took the woman's statement. Again, nothing concrete can be done.

It is up to us, the residents of Justin Hall to band together and demand that something be done. I have discussed the situation with Ernest Watson, Director of Security and Safety. Even Ernest thinks that the security in Justin Hall is inadequate. The head of security thinks our security is inadequate? Something is wrong here.

I support Ernest's plan to re-vamp the security of the women's dorms on campus. The proposal is simple. First, he lobby doors will remain locked at all times. All of the residents will have a second key to grant them entrance into the dorm. Not only will this system greatly reduce the risk of another Peeping Tom incident, we will also never have to wait for security to let us in after hours. Ah, the freedom.

The second part of the proposal involves an escort system. Any guest, male or female, of a resident will have to be escorted throughout the dorm. The guest will have to be escorted to the bathroom, to the candy machines and to the doors. It is crucial that this part of the proposal is supported by the residents of the hall.

The escort system not only eliminates the Peeping Tom incidents, it will also reduce vandalism in the dorms. Most of the weekend damage to the dorm is caused by non-residents. The escort system will also eliminate excess noise and strange visitors wandering the halls.

We are living in an age of violence and crime. We should not have to live in a locked, secure building, but, as evidenced by two recent Peeping Tom incidents, we do need a better security system. We are just not safe here.

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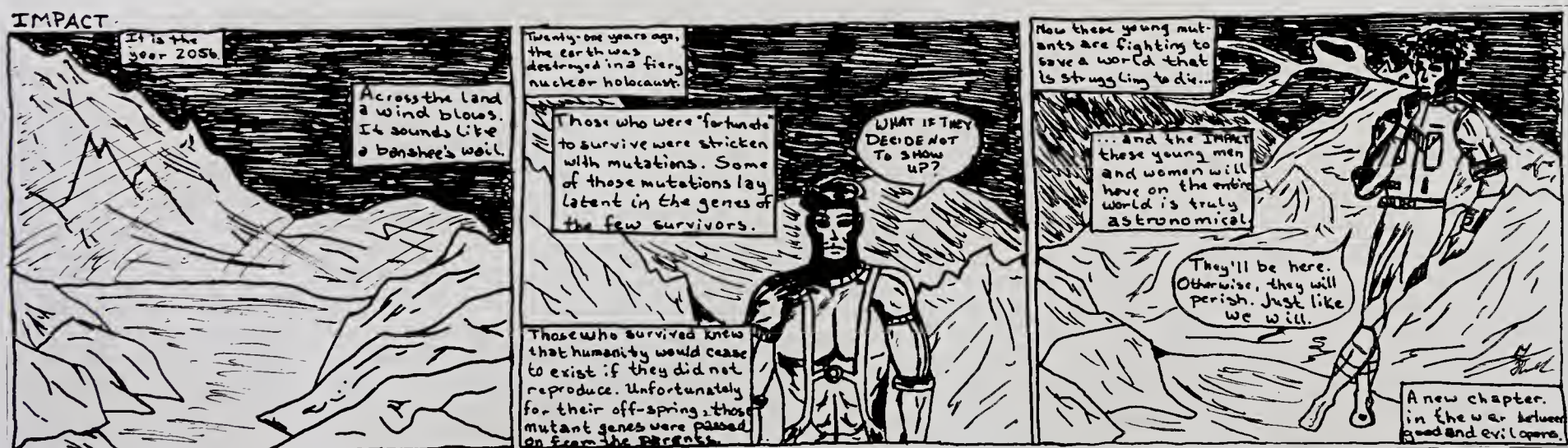
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The following individuals prepared stories for this issue; however, because of space limitations, we had to cut their stories. Some of the stories will appear in future issues.

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Core building to finally break ground

by DeAnn Hazzard

The long awaited addition to the Saint Joseph's College community will be breaking ground on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 11:15 a.m.

Located north of Seifert Hall and west of the Science Building, the Rev. Charles Banet Core Education Center will be completed in one year and cost six and a half million dollars.

"I think that it's good that we're putting money into something academic for the first time in a long time. I think it will be tremendously useful to have an air conditioned auditorium. I'm glad to have a new computer center and that my colleagues will have some new office

space," said Professor Brian Capouch.

The ground breaking of the new 50,000 square foot Core building will be handled by the Office of the President and the Development Office.

Mr. James Madden, a member of the Board of Trustees, will be acting as Master of Ceremonies for the ground breaking event. Representatives from Alumni, Missionaries of the Precious Blood and administration will also be present.

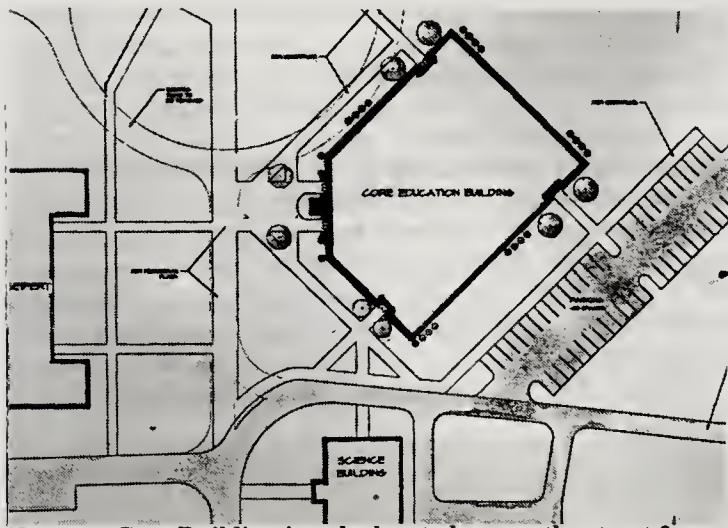
A Core lecture auditorium able to fit 400 students with desks and lecture style seating, a mini lecture hall equipped to seat 80 students, a teaching computer lab, 10 additional classrooms and

40 faculty offices located on the second floor will comprise the new Core building.

"Hopefully, the new Core building will give students a better study environment," said Sophomore Chris Klus.

Sophomore Dan McKeown agrees, "It has to be done. We definitely need one as long as it is air conditioned."

Unfortunately, not everyone will be able to enjoy the addition. "From what I hear about the school's history, I think that it should have been done a long time ago. Being a senior, it's a shame that I won't be around to take advantage of it, but I hope it will be a success," said Senior Clayton Temple.



The new Core Building is to be located across the street from Seifert and across from the Science Building.

elections (continued)

Amy McConville and Tracy Sines.

Merlini Hall elected Louis Katz as its governor; no lieutenant governor was elected. Rob Rajeski and Bill Patterson are the new senators representing Merlini Hall.

In Noll Hall, Jame Holt will serve as governor this school year and Louis Pinto as lieutenant governor. Senators for Noll Hall are Jeff Norus and Jeff Bull.

Seifert Hall elected Tom Hughes as its governor and Mike Swanson as its lieutenant governor. Rob Christinzio and James

McDonough are the new senators representing Seifert Hall.

In Aquinas Hall, only a governor was elected. Pat Lennon who will serve as governor of Aquinas Hall stated, "Despite its size and population, Aquinas remains a power-house dorm, and I am pleased to represent its governing body."

Day students can also be part of SJC government. Eight vacant seats for day student representatives are still available. More information can be obtained by contacting Kurt Krouse at X5104 in Gallagher 300.

New grading scale causes controversy

by Pat Lennon

"I think it's terrible for sophomores, juniors, and seniors to be on different grading scales because we're on a different handbook than the freshmen. (For) all three classes it said that we were on the A-B-C-D-F scale. That's what we came in with; that's what we looked at and signed..." stated Sophomore Anna Greene about the new plus and minus grading scale implemented this school year.

A majority of upperclassmen seem to share Greene's sentiments. An anonymous student stated, "I think the policy could hurt people with scholarships; I also think it's going to look bad to graduate schools if your grade point average drops due to the new grading scale."

The new grading scale is as follows:

A	4.00	C+	2.33
A-	3.67	C	2.00
B+	3.33	C-	1.67
B	3.00	D+	1.33
B-	2.67	D	1.00

It is quite different than the previous grading scale used. There is more room for specifically categorizing students into a grade point level. For instance, someone who has a 3.67 on

last year's scale would be pleased to know that a 3.67 is now an A-, which is a significant difference from being a B.

The new grading scale also separates students into different academic groups as well. Suppose "Student 1" has a GPA of 2.00, which on both scales is considered a C. "Student 2" has a cumulative GPA of 2.45, which on the new scale is considered a C+. Here, the important difference between the new and old scale is evident. Instead of 2.00 and 2.45 being basically the same grade, a C, the students will now be separated into their actual and more specific grade slot, isolating their academic ability.

Senior Molly Boyle stated, "There probably will be fewer 4.00 students which is one of the pluses of this system, but it does mean it's a more rigorous grading system. The new grading scale will weed out the people who really don't deserve those top grades; more importantly it will mean a 4.00 is more valuable than it was before."

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Improvements make College life easier

by Krisie Kimerer

Every summer Saint Joseph's College takes advantage of the students' absence and completes renovations and various improvements throughout the campus. This past summer several large projects were undertaken as well as routine maintenance. While contractors were hired to complete the large projects, Saint Joseph's students were employed during the summer to work on jobs such as painting.

A phone hookup was installed in every dorm room, which was a welcome change from the phones that are located in the hallways. Donna Czachura, a senior, commented on the phone system, "It is impossible to get through to anyone between 9-11 p.m. It needs some improvement." Saint Joseph's College, in cooperation with United Telephone and AT&T, has corrected the problem by adding more company lines. If students con-

tinue to have problems, they can call the H-E-L-P line for assistance. The dorm rooms have also been hardwired for computer hookups. As soon as the software for each building is completed, students will be able to access the system from their room. Saint Joseph's is aware of rapidly increasing technology and seeks to help students utilize the system. "I find the computer system to be more user friendly this year," says Robert Golding, an economics and accounting senior.

Halas Hall was completely repaired after last year's fire that destroyed four rooms. A central smoke and fire panel was installed in Halleck Center to ensure the quick and precise location of smoke and/or fire. In several locations throughout campus, air conditioning and heating units have been replaced or overhauled. The hot and cold water lines in Seifert Hall were replaced to prevent any mainte-

nance problems from occurring when students are present. The water line that leads out to the baseball field was replaced with a larger 3/4" line. In order to help maintain campus safety, lights are being installed along Father Gross Drive and the sidewalk leading to Drexel Road. Additional lights are being placed around Saint Joseph's campus in areas where the lighting is inadequate.

Campaign funds were utilized for the improvements with the exception of Halas Hall which was covered by an insurance settlement. This is the fourth year that Saint Joseph's has updated at an accelerated pace. "The college has made great strides in improving the facilities," says Ron Geleott, Assistant Vice President of Facilities and Planning. A notable future campus improvement is the new Core building. The ground breaking ceremony takes place on Sept. 24.

Features



J.W. Sacco

Sacco's World

I know what you're thinking. "Oh, God, he's back and writing for STUFF again." You're also thinking "Oh, God, now we'll have to read his dumb articles and see Depeche Mode printed 100 times in his articles." Well, guess what kids... you're right. I'm back and here are the first two... Depeche Mode, Depeche Mode.

But, seriously, it is good to be back on campus and see all the old friends and to make those new ones. I personally thought that junior year was a little too late to be making new friends but when I moved back into Noll and realized that the dorm was 99.9 percent freshmen I knew that I would have to do my best and I have.

And what is even scarier is that I see Freshmen Jim Sacco in every one of them. I remember when I first got to Saint Joseph's College. I was quickly befriended by a group of juniors and they became my best friends until they graduated. In the time that they were here, they showed me how to do things (most of them illegal) on this campus. Well, last week, I did the same things with a bunch of freshman. I showed them how to (censored due to self-incrimination) on campus and they thought it was the coolest thing in the world. Much as I did my freshman year.

These guys are always asking me where the parties are and when I'm going. And a couple of the guys have even asked me to...now listen to this...hook them up with some girls. I tried to explain to them that I have to hook myself up first and they laugh. This is funny to me because I was asking my junior friends the same thing my freshman year and they told me the same thing.

And then there are my old friends, my radio partner who after this year will no longer be attending Saint Joseph's College, thus leaving me to find a new partner. And the rest of my senior friends who won't be around to help me get sick on my 21st birthday.

Then there are the friends in my junior class who elected me their class president (only because I ran unopposed) and are waiting for me and my officers to have an event. (Keep your pants on, kiddies... it's coming.)

Then there are my younger friends who will be around to see me graduate and to help me get sick on my 21st birthday. Either way all

these people are important to me and as this new year starts, I begin to appreciate them.

It's funny and true that you don't appreciate what you have until it's gone. I always thought that those buddies of mine wouldn't leave until I left...oh, how untrue. Don't do the same... your family will be there tomorrow...you can call your girlfriend or boyfriend later. Go out and have a good time with your friends because in one or two years they will graduate and then you'll say, "Man, I wish we could of had more time together."

And don't forget to call those friends that have graduated. Remember that they will be on campus this weekend for homecoming. Oh, and here is one more... Depeche Mode.

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Ride Board: the answer to getting home

by Rachel Barlage

All Aboard!

"What's the ride board?"

"I didn't see it. Ask me tomorrow."

"Is that the big map thing?"

"What the hell is that?"

These were the typical student responses to the question, "How do you feel about the ride board?" Most students are still unaware of this new service which is provided by Student Activities.

The ride board was implemented at the beginning of the 1994-95 school year after Student Activities director Jen Haberkorn saw something similar to it at another university.

Quite simply, the ride board consists of a map of the continental United States and an enlarged map of the Indiana/Illinois area. There are forms available for students who would like a ride or are willing to drive another student home.

"It's completely student oriented," said Rhonda Hanley, a sophomore who is Haberkorn's student assistant and the organizer of the ride board. Students complete the forms, which include their

name, room number, extension and destination, and place them in the envelopes located under the maps. Then other students check the envelopes for drivers or passengers who may be going their way.

If taken advantage of by the students, the ride board will be a way for students to get rides when they need them and for students with cars to split costs when they are going somewhere.

The ride board is aimed primarily at students who live in Indiana and Illinois, but it could also be useful for students who live out of state.

As Hanley pointed out, the closer you can get to your destination, the better. Students could even just get to a bus station or an airport in a major city.

Hanley also suggested that the ride board, "gives students a better opportunity to go home or to explore some different places."

For instance, students wishing to travel to new and exciting destinations over Spring Break or Thanksgiving Vacation could complete the forms and come in contact with other students who are interested in making such a trip.

Once they were made

aware of the ride board, students seemed to have an appreciation of it. Senior Lisa Curley said, "I'm really glad they've got one. I think it's a fabulous idea, and it's about time."

Freshman Becky Fogg agreed, and said, "If I looked up there and noticed that someone needed a ride, I'd help them out."

Although students who are conscious of the ride board and its purpose all have favorable opinions of it.

Hanley conceded that, "I don't think very many people know about it," although she was encouraged that people have begun to show an interest and ask what it is.

The effectiveness of the ride board is entirely in the students' hands. If people take the time to fill out a ride request or a driver form, the board could be quite successful, but if no one checks the envelopes on the board, then it will be virtually useless.

When asked if Student Activities plans to continue with the ride board next year, Hanley stated, "It depends on how people react to it this year. If the students think it's a good idea, we'll continue with it. We're always willing to try new ideas."

The ups and downs of being a resident assistant

by John Osborne

They are the men and women who live in the dorms and students love to hate. They are the ones who write you up, bust your parties and can cost you a lot of money. They are also the ones responsible for your safety and the condition of the dorm. Those people, of course, are the Resident Assistants of Saint Joseph's College.

They are also, however, students just like everyone else, and they are not the total disciplinarians that their job description makes them out to be. At least, not all of them. Besides it's not all that bad of a job, is it? After all, RA's do get a free single for the year, not to mention a certain relationship with all the other students that no one else has. On the downside, they had to arrive a week early, they have to remain on campus al-

most all the time and they have to stay graduation week.

And, yes, there are times when they have to assume that parent role and be the bad guy, so the question becomes: Why in the world would anyone want to be an RA?

Jonathan Bringewatt, RA on Merlini second, arguably the wildest dorm on campus, had a very interesting answer to that question. "I didn't want to be an RA," he said, "I simply wanted to be. I felt the disillusionment of students who were fed up with an authoritative lack of understanding."

During their first week on campus, all of the RA's went through an orientation where they learned CPR, received training about HIV, and were taught how to cope with unusual problems. They also have to get along with everyone in

the dorm. As far as Bringewatt is concerned, orientation can best be summed up by a canoe trip all of the RA's took together. "We learned to cooperate but have a good time together. It's a balance which is important to do this job effectively."

One factor that might make students wonder why anyone would want to do an RA's job is that they seem to miss out on the college experience of going to parties and hanging out with friends. With all the responsibility of the students in the dorms and school work, too, how do RA's find the time to have some fun? "Unfortunately," Bringewatt says, "most RA's find themselves in limbo. We're not quite students and not quite employees of the College, so the social dynamics become somewhat confused."

And what about being

that authority figure? What happens when an RA is forced to choose between turning in their friends and what their job requires them to do? Do they ever fear they will lose the respect and friendship of the students they live with?

That's one problem Bringewatt says he doesn't have. "Not in Merlini because the guys know how to play the game and respect my role in the game."

After considering some of the pros and cons of being an RA, it would seem that the headaches outweigh the benefits, so again that question of why do it comes to mind. Is there something more to being an RA than meets the eye? Is there something the RA's hope to gain from their experience? On these questions, Bringewatt wasn't sure. "I'll be sure to inform you when I figure it out."

Features

Working hard to keep campus clean

by Kristi Messmaker

"Keep this space clean - your mother doesn't work here." But if your mom's not on staff, and we certainly know that you don't have the time, who keeps the resident halls here at SJC so neat and tidy? Who are the fearless people that clean up your debris after a fun-filled weekend of socializing at Homecoming, the Christmas Dance and Little 500? It's the unsung heroes of the janitorial staff who come into your dorms, small talk with you and clean your bathrooms.

"The Housekeeping staff here is tremendous!" said Junior Scott Seville, a resident of Gallagher. And he's not only talking about their cleaning abilities, he's talking about their personalities too. And the rest of the residents here feel the same way. They love the way the staff greet them in the halls and initiate small-talk with them.

Who could forget when Betty put welcome signs on the doors of every Justin West room? Or what would the Halas girls do without Francie letting them know if the weather was cold enough for a jacket? These are not just the people that clean our

halls; they are familiar faces and good friends.

"Joyce knew my name before I even knew hers," said Merrill Ruggaber, senior Aquinas resident, about Joyce Best, staff in Gallagher. It really means a lot to the students, as well as staff, to be greeted by name.

But how does Housekeeping feel about us, the residents? "You can't work on a college campus if you don't love kids," answered Inga Luedtke, head of the janitorial staff. She knows that most of the staff have children of their own and understands how busy and messy students can be.

In Luedtke's opinion, "Ninety-nine point nine percent of the kids are great and appreciate our work." The staff, too, believes that, for the most part, the students really help keep the dorms clean and they really appreciate that.

The general consensus among the staff is that the students have gotten much better over the years about keeping their halls clean. The staff is here to make sure the students live in a clean and healthy environment; they do not want anyone to get hurt by broken bottles or non-

hygienic conditions.

When asked how she liked working in a dorm full of men, Joyce Best of Gallagher replied, "I love it - wouldn't have it any other way. The guys are so friendly."

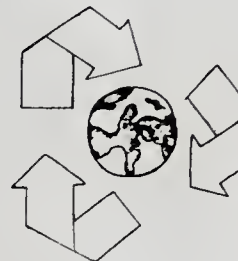
Francie Saucedo, staff in Halas, also feels a great affection for the residents in her dorm. After last year's fire, she was rotated all over campus, and she missed Halas - especially the residents, "I missed all the girls," she said.

Betty DeMoss, who currently works in the Halleck Center, says that she misses working in the dorms, even though Halleck carries with it more responsibilities and higher pay.

DeMoss misses the Justin women and encourages the women to "come over to Halleck and say hello."

The janitorial staff at Saint Joseph's College covers every aspect of campus aside from actually preparing the meals. Setting up the ballroom for dinners and entertainment, waxing floors in the Science building, and vacuuming floors in the offices of professors are just some of the many tasks that Janitorial undertakes.

Making a Difference



by Klaudia Janek

Environmental issues should be everyone's concern, not just a limited concern for a select group. This year, the Features section will have an environmental column in every issue in order to let the Saint Joseph's College community become aware of certain environmental problems which exist around us.

The major concern which will be addressed in this issue deals with the SJC community exclusively. This year there will be a large-scale campaign by the Environmental Club urging students and faculty members to utilize the aluminum recycling bins located all over campus. We need to start recycling empty aluminum cans because, whether we like it or not, it does have a extensive impact on our environment.

Paper recycling is another issue which deserves ample attention. As you may have noticed, paper recycling barely exists here at Saint Joseph's. The Environmental Club has made this problem a priority. An aggressive campaign is about to be launched in hopes that a paper recycling program will be instituted here on campus.

If there are any suggestions or comments about this column please feel free to e-mail STUFF FEATURES and let me know what you think. If you are looking for a way to get involved with environmental and recycling issues here on campus, the Environmental Club is a way to start. If you're interested in joining contact President Heather Lonborg, ext.8225 or Vice-President Klaudia Janek, ext.8231.

1994-95 Saint Joseph's cleaning staff

Raleigh Hall:

Fieldhouse:

Rec. Center:

McHale:

Science Building:

Halleck Center:

North & South Chapel:

Schweiteman:

Floater (Go where needed):

Temporary Help:

Justin West:

Justin East:

Halas:

Gallagher:

Noll:

Bennett:

Seifert:

Merlini:

Aquinas:

Knight Phillips

Nancy Justice

(one Housekeeper to hire)

Wanda Murphy

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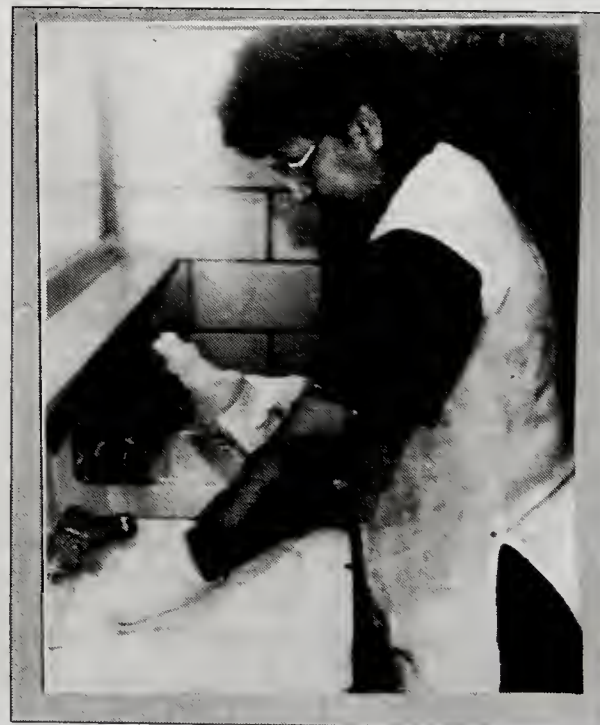
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This story is written in memory of Marlene Tiede who passed away this summer. She was staff in McHale and is greatly missed.



Francine Saucedo works hard to keep Halas clean

Witek wins two All-American honors

by Jill Peterson

Never had there been an athlete in the history of Saint Joe's athletics to win two All-American honors as a freshman in the same season. That was until Laura Witek, now a sophomore elementary education major, ran in the National Track and Field Championship in Raleigh, North Carolina last May.

In order to qualify for nationals, Witek had to run the 5000 meter event in 17:19 and the 3000 meter in 10:08. Not only did she compete with other runners' times, Witek also had to try to beat her previous times. "I was confident that my 5000 time was going to be good enough. I was not sure how my 3000 time was going to measure up against the competition."

Even though Witek was seeded 7th out of 14 in the longer event and 15th out of 15 in the shorter, she proved everyone wrong. With outstanding times of 17:10 and 9:55 at Nationals, Witek placed 7th in the 5000 and 8th in the 3000. This enabled

her to receive a double All-American recognition. The top eight finishers were named All-Americans. "I was really excited about my times since they were the best I'd run the entire season. I practiced extremely hard and my dedication paid off," Witek commented.

Others were impressed by Witek's performance, too. Coach Bill Massoels, in his fifth year of coaching, added, "Laura is the best female runner that I will ever coach here at Saint Joe's. She has the drive and determination to excel. She definitely has the potential to be an Olympic Time Trials qualifier for the 1996 games. I would have to say that Laura is among the top 65 female distance runners in the country right now, including Division I schools."

Of course, success hasn't been easy. Training for meets requires a lot of time and energy. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, Witek runs from 6:30 to 7:00, running an average of three miles. In the af-

ternoon, she does "tempo" and "interval" runs, which is alternating two minutes of fast paced running, with two minutes of slower paced running. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, weight and aerobic training meet the necessary practices that Massoels expects.

"Massoels is an excellent coach. He pushes me to go harder. He believes in me and our entire team. Our team success is his main interest," Witek said.

Senior teammate and captain, Lisa Perez, mentioned that Witek not only wants the best for herself, but for the entire team as well. "We all trained very hard over the summer, partly because we knew Laura had done so well at Nationals. It's great because our team supports one another. Laura is a good example to follow because she helps us to do our best," she said.

With her past experiences, Laura Witek is looking forward to a successful season for herself and the team.

Lady Puma tennis team continues winning tradition

by Courtney Schopmeyer

The 1994 Lady Puma tennis team, continuing the winning tradition, have opened their season with a strong beginning.

The team returned three seniors, two juniors and have four new freshman on the team.

Team co-captain Mary Quasney, senior, is happy with the recruiting this year and says she enjoys watching the freshman step in to the roles.

This year's team goals are to win the Great Lakes Valley Conference and hopefully be selected to attend the National Rolex Tournament in Oklahoma.

On an individual note, Quasney is working hard to attend Nationals as the Puma's number one singles player, and with her partner, Senior Liz

Rowden as doubles team. One of Rowden's goals is to "win conference and hopefully be accepted for nationals."

After playing Olivet Nazarene University, Northern Kentucky University, Kentucky Wesleyan and Saint Francis of Joliet, the Lady Pumas still remain undefeated in both their singles and doubles matches.

A pleased Coach Barrientos remarked that one of his goals this year for the team was, "of course, to do well in the conference."

Following their captains lead, the team was able to successfully defeat all opponents. Manda Hollis, freshman, commented, "it's different than high school in the fact that we can play both singles and doubles, and I like that."

Leadership, experience key to cross country team's success

by Ashley Pierce

The men's and women's cross country teams had a successful first meet against Southern Indiana. With the women placing second and the men placing fourth, all were pleased with the results. Head Coach Bill Massoels commented, "I was very pleased with Saturday's performance. We succeeded with what we wanted to achieve. It set the tone for the season for us."

Both teams are very experienced this year. The top four women runners have a lot of experience, while the men have three runners in the top seven. The captains of the women's team are seniors Tracy Matuga and Lisa Perez. The men's team captains are seniors Craig Fee and Chris Fitzgerald.

Last year, the women's team finished with a record of 44-6

overall and finished third in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Meet. The main goal of the team is "to win at Conference," according to Perez. Having good leadership and experience make the goal an achievable one. "The women want to win Conference, which is a realistic goal. They have great leadership and are a very close team," stated Massoels.

Finishing with a 30-25-1 record last year and placing sixth the Great Lakes Valley Conference, the main goal of the men's team is to finish fourth in the Conference. Massoels explained, "The men are not as experienced as the women, but they have more depth." Also, two of the three teams the men race are nationally ranked, making their competition more difficult. Team spirit is the key to the men's success. "We have

good team spirit. We run more as a team than individuals," noted Junior Steve Wright.

Last Saturday at the Taylor Invitational, the women's team placed second, with Sophomore Laura Witek placing second overall. Coming in sixth, the men's team was successful, too. The top runner for the men was Wright, who placed 29th overall.

Although both teams have had a successful season so far, there is still room for improvement, according to Massoels. "I'd like to see us improve weekly. If we can continue to improve every day and every week, we will be successful. If we continue to improve and work hard, we are not going to lose," he stated.

Both the men's and women's teams will be competing again this Saturday at the Manchester Invitational.



Pictured here are Sophomore Laura Witek and Senior Lisa Perez training for a successful season. Witek was honored last May as a two time All-American runner.

Football team demonstrates potenial

by Jeremy White

It was inevitable. After winning just two games in as many years, the Saint Joseph's College football team found itself alone in the cellar of the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference coaches poll.

Are they better than their twelfth place ranking? Cornerback Steve Kowalewicz thinks so. "I can't blame them for ranking us twelfth because our record last year was 1-8-1. (But) I don't mind at all because we're going into every game the underdog and we're gonna surprise a lot of people and shock the conference," he said.

The team certainly has the potential to win a few games. Pre-season All-American Jim McDonough is returning to the defensive line, along with a solid linebacking corps. The secondary is sound, as it returns Tom Offer, Scott Babjak, Ricky Calloway and Kowalewicz.

On the opposite side of the ball, fifth year senior Dave Jordy is the signal caller once again. He is protected by a line which returns three starters. Familiar hands, in the form of Damon Scheidt and Greg Pope, will also make it easier for the Pumas to move the ball.

If the offense and defense are able to gel, a winner can emerge. Putting theory to practice, however, is not that easy. After games with Howard Payne and Wayne State, the Pumas stood on an even keel at 1-1. Last Saturday, the Pumas defeated Hillsdale, bringing their record to 2-1. Nonetheless, if both sides of the ball cannot work together, the team will have problems winning.

In the season opener with Howard Payne the defense dominated the game. The Pumas allowed only 168 total yards and forced four turnovers, including a fumble returned for a touchdown by Doug Giordano.

The offense, on the other hand, was held at bay for most of the game. They were only able to put together two scoring drives, one of which resulted in a field goal. Nevertheless, the Pumas pulled out a 16-6 victory.

Then on Sept. 10, Wayne State came to town, and the offense and defense changed roles. Despite putting 22 points on the board, Saint Joe's suffered its first loss of the season. The defense, which had looked so good a week earlier, surrendered 38 points and 495 total yards, including 330 yards rushing on 53 attempts.

Perhaps the Pumas were tired from all the time spent on the field in the first half. Kowalewicz did not think so. "I don't think it was that. I think we're one of the best conditioned teams in the conference . . . I just think a few mental breakdowns in the field caused that. There are only two or three plays that caused it."

In contrast, the offense had a good game via Jordy's arm. He connected on 16 of 25 passes for 246 yards and a touchdown. His main target, Tige Fennessee, hauled in four passes for 110 yards. The running game, however, was anything but impressive. The Pumas ran the ball 33 times for only 47 yards. "Last week against Wayne State, the running game was totally unacceptable," said offensive lineman J.B. Lind. "We've made it the number one priority in practice. Anybody will tell you that we can't just go out and throw the ball all the time and win games," he added.

If the Pumas are able to establish a ground game, the defense will not have to spend as much time on the field, and the passing game will open up more for Jordy. Otherwise, they will have more long days ahead.



During the Wayne State game, Sophomore Steve Kaplan, an outside linebacker, tackles an opponent.

Lady Pumas hope for winning season

by Jenni Nahorski

The 1994 Lady Puma volleyball team has begun another season in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, coached by Linda Deno, now in her eighth year as head coach.

Deno and the Lady Pumas have set three main goals for themselves: to make the conference tournament, to finish with a winning record and to finish with a serving percentage of 85-90%. "Currently, we are not quite on the right track with that third goal," admitted Deno, "but we still have much of the season to work on it and improve."

Deno is optimistic in achieving those goals, citing the team's defense as their major strength. "We're going to have to become a little more consistent at our offense and more intense at the net. The game of volleyball is quick; you can't afford to let up. I can't complain, though, about the defense. They have been really scrappy and hard nosed from the start, picking up a lot."

Senior co-captain Tara Foldenauer agreed with Deno. She commented, "We have a good attitude on the whole. We play real well when we have our momentum going. We need to continue working as a unit and keep playing hard."

Injury has been the main problem early in the season. Junior

Tonya Popiela missed much of the pre-season due to a medical reason. Three games into the season Junior Erin Smith injured her ankle and has just recently come back. Also, Junior Jennifer Gretencord was out for a period of time due to a shoulder injury.

The injury of Gretencord was particularly trying because it meant having to quickly prepare Freshman Kami Conlon for competition. However, both Deno and Conlon were pleased with the transition. "It took some time, but Kami made some real progress," said Deno. Conlon agreed, "It was frustrating at first, but helpful in the end."

The GLVC will be challenging for the Lady Pumas. "Teams that finished in the top last year have most of their returning starters back," commented Deno.

The Lady Pumas are coming off a losing season of 13-19 from last year. "We had a young team last year. I knew from the start that it was going to be tough," said Deno. She mentioned that the number of returning upperclassmen is very favorable for this season.

Deno concluded, "I think we have the capability to finish in the top four in the conference. Most importantly, we need to stay healthy. I'm looking forward to a good season."

Leadership, experience key to successful

by Zach Milito

Once again, the men and women of the Puma soccer tradition have taken the field. Both teams are under the supervision of Coach Mike Minelli and Assistant Coach John Mario.

Though it is early in the season, the men's squad has had problems. Sophomore Paul Erck commented, "Although the team is packed full of talent, the shortage of experienced upperclassmen may cause some trouble when facing other well experienced teams."

Erck also stated that this has been an excellent recruiting year for the varsity program. "The exceptional tal-

ents of freshmen should help overcome the lack of experience."

The freshmen have helped the squad achieve a 2-1 record early in the season. Mike Johnson, a sophomore, emphasized the importance of a strong beginning to the season. Johnson said "Once the freshman and sophomores start working well together, a strong foundation will be started, which will hopefully carry over to the next two seasons."

Under the leadership of three seniors, Steve Koos, Andrew Crouch, and Curtiss Payne, the team should come together and mature quickly.

Also new this season is lighting on the field for night games.

Besides money for the lights, additional funding was added for new equipment, such as uniforms and plexiglass dugouts. Freshman Jeff Weir noted "Playing under the lights and seeing all of the new additions helps to gain a strong feeling of professionalism."

The women are a young team, too. The talented young team is ranked 15th in the nation, however. Under the leadership of experienced seniors, the coaches expect a productive season.

The women's current record is 3-1-1. The team feels that through hard work, the freshmen will become a powerful asset to the women's team.

A Late Night Eerie trip to the infamous oasis Moody's Light

by Kathleen Brass

The first weekend here at Saint Joe's a group of upperclassmen from my floor were talking about how they had gone to see Moody's Light.

Being the sort of college students we are, the girls from the floor and I decided to take a road trip out to this infamous local tourist attraction.

All we kept hearing was "It's so cool!" and "No one knows what happens but this light comes out of nowhere!" The idea seemed simple-go to the spot, flash your lights three times and the light you see gets brighter and brighter.

So we began our adventure. First, we had to get directions.

From a survey of about eight different people, the girls and I ended up with six different sets of directions.

We finally made a decision to take the seemingly easiest route. This was no simple task.

Our journey began at 10 p.m. that next Saturday night. We had our flashlights and directions in hand and were

ready to go. Now for the easy part, getting there. WRONG!

The journey began down Route 231. It was pitch black out and there was a car full of people behind me with their bright lights on.

Earlier we had stopped for ice cream, and by now I had decided I didn't want anymore of mine. So, I decided to throw my half-full cup out of the car window.

Have you ever seen what ice cream can do at 55 miles per hour? It's not pretty! At this speed, ice cream has a tendency to come flying at the people inside of the car, and let me tell you, it did.

I was coated in a Peanut Butter Cup Blizzard, and so was the outside of my car.

The next road to take was a country-farm-one-lane road. There were no lights, few houses, and seemingly endless stretches of corn.

Down this road we traveled. I was sticky and there was a growing anticipation among the group of girls in my car.

We locked our doors and rolled up the car windows

because of this anticipation turned fear.

We finally got to the end of the road and turned right as we were told to do.

Down this long stretch, we almost killed ourselves, as well as some non-suspecting little creatures. We survived with only aopposum casualty.

The road turned to gravel and we were looking for the end of the road or a tree stump in the middle of the corn to warn us to turn around and look for the light.

The road finally ended. We turned around. We flashed our lights..one...two...three.. And then, we screamed.

We didn't see anything but dark corn and lightning. Sitting there like idiots in the middle of the corn, we thought about all the events that had transpired that evening and headed back to Saint Joe's.

From that experience, I have decided that Moody's Light is impossible to find, and if I ever go again, it will be with an upper classman who won't send me on a wild goose-chase.

Welcome back to The Back Page!

We hope you all had a great summer! Greg and I worked very hard all summer raising money for the save the Naugah's campaign!

We would like to welcome a new member to our staff, Kathleen Brass. Hopefully she will prove to be just as wacky, unorganized, unmotivated, and warped as we are.

Remember, this page is for you. Please let us know if you have any ideas and suggestions for us, whether they be positive or negative. Have a great year!

Candace, Greg, and Kathleen

New Grading Scale, Continued from Page 3

When asked if whether or not the new academic grading scale will change her grades personally, Boyle added, "Yes it will, I believe. Just because (for) most colleges and universities the scale is the standard 90,80,70 etc. scale. And if they drop it down where you'd be getting a 92 here and be getting a B+, it'd be counted as an A somewhere else. So if you're applying to graduate school, transferring to another college, your academic performance will seem lower than it actually is."

Anytime a new system is introduced the transition period is always difficult in the beginning. Even the most fullproof systems in the world have a small readjustment period before it takes flight.

Dr. Bernard Parker, Vice President of Academic affairs, indicated that the system was already introduced and voted on before he was even on SJC staff. He explained to that the academic cabinet had voted on it, and it was already installed in the school program.

Parker feels there are many ways the new scale will be beneficial to not only the student, but the professors as well:

1. It will give faculty more flexibility with their students.
2. It will decrease grade inflation, thereby denounc-

ing the theory of a "cheap" degree.

3. Sharply reduce the number of 4.0 students, thus being more accurate in the choosing of top academic students.

Parker also added that, "it helps the below average student" and "...better students will try harder for a B+ instead of just a B".

Students on campus have various opinions about the new grading system.

"Their have been too many people with 4.0's in the past couple of years," explains junior Susan Banner, "and that tends to lower the status of achieving an 'A' grade in a class simply because 'A's are so common."

Sophomore Kiaudia Janek chimes in, "I know that I won't be able to keep my 4.0 but I'm not working for a GPA, I'm working for an education. I think that the new scale will definitely challenge people more, so the new system is in a way adding more incentive for students to do academically better."

In next issue find out how the administration, the faculty and more students feel about the new grading scale.



This is an early picture of the students and faculty of the Indian Normal School, that was founded here in the late 1800's. Drexel Hall was the original building for the school.